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Article Number: P 619 183 549

Mr. Geoff Jones Corporate Project Manager Safety-Kleen Corporation P.O. Box 11393 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Jones:

RE:

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RCRA ID# KSD007246846

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This letter will be considered part of the approved RFIWP unless you would like to discuss the conditions set forth above, before beginning your field work. If you have questions or comments on these conditions, please notify me at (913) 381-8347 within fifteen [15] days of your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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